

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON  
JUDICIAL NOMINATING COMMISSION**

\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THAT INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED.\*\*\*  
INFORMATION IS REQUESTED TO COMPLY WITH STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS  
FOR COMMISSION MEMBERS.

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1. Indicate your present employment.  
Federal Public Defender  
Western District of TN
2.
  - a. If you are an attorney, state the year you were licensed to practice law in Tennessee and provide your BPR Number.  
1969 - BPR # 008882
  - b. If you are an attorney, identify your primary subject area(s) of practice, present and past.  
Criminal Defense practice through Public Defender systems (state & federal) plus 13 years private practice
3. Please indicate the amount of time that you have been a citizen of the state of Tennessee.  
Since 1949 (less 3 years after law school)
4. List the county or counties in which you have resided in the past year.  
Shelby County
5. Are you a salaried office holder of the State of Tennessee or the United States?  
☒ Yes ☐ No
6. If your response to question 5 was yes, are you a member of the national guard, member of any armed forces reserve organization, district attorney general or employee of a district attorney general, district public defender or employee of a district public defender?  
☐ Yes ☒ No
7. Have you ever pled guilty or been convicted or are you now on diversion for violation of any law, regulation or ordinance? Give date, court, charge and disposition.  
No
8. To your knowledge, are you now under federal, state or local investigation for possible violation of a criminal statute or disciplinary rule? If so, give details.  
No

9. Please explain why you would like to serve on the Judicial Nominating Commission and why you would be an effective member. (300 words or less) I have practiced law here since 1973. I expect to practice for only a few more years, and can think of no contribution I can make to this profession greater than helping insure that the judiciary is composed of the best and the brightest available. Since I will never make the decision myself, I can help to see that the governor has the best options from which to make his or her choice. I would look forward to participating in this process and bringing my years of trial experience to identify the best candidates possible.
10. The Lieutenant Governor (Speaker of the Senate) and the Speaker of the House both have appointments to the Judicial Nominating Commission. Please indicate to which office you would like your application to be sent for consideration.
- ☐ Lieutenant Governor
  - ☐ Speaker of the House
  - ☒ Both Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House
11. I certify that all information contained in this application is correct.
- ☒ I am not employed as a lobbyist.
  - ☒ I am not an employer of a lobbyist.
  - ☒ I do not hold office in any political party or political organization.

Dated this the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

  
Signature of Applicant